

***PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT***

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

In the "RELATED APPLICATIONS" section on page 1 immediately following the term -- U.S. Patent No. --, please insert the number -- 6,758,644 --. The amended text shown by underlining is as follows:

**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/991,106, entitled "Composite Restraint System for Securing Freight," filed November 16, 2001, issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,758,644, which is incorporated herein by reference.